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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2016 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2016. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft workplan for 2017 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2017.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2016/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2016 (DP/2016/18)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2016 (DP/2016/19)

Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2017 (DP/2016/CRP.2)

UNDP segment

Item 2
UNDP funding issues

The report on the annual review of the financial situation undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: UNDP regular resources, other resources, and UNCDF, and provides the financial position at the end of 2015 with illustrative comparators to the previous year.

In line with Executive Board decision 98/23, the Board will also have before it a report on the status of regular funding commitments for 2016 and a summary of the contributions to regular and other resources received in 2015. This year's report highlights a continuing decline in UNDP regular ('core') resources, a growing imbalance between regular and other resources with a high concentration of highly earmarked other resources, the lack of predictability of regular resources, and outlines UNDP's efforts to explore incentives, mechanisms and funding windows to broaden the donor base and encourage donors to shift to less restricted other resources aligned to the Strategic Plan.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the reports.

Documentation:

Annual review of the financial situation, 2015 (DP/2016/20)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2015 (DP/2016/20/Add.1)

Status of regular resources funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2016 and onwards (DP/2016/21)

Item 3
Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Sudan from 1 January to 31 December 2017; (b) approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for Somalia from 1 January to 31 December 2017, the two-year extension of the country programme for Malawi from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018, and the exceptional third year extension of the country programme for Libya from 1 January to 31 December 2017; and (c) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Gambia, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe, Seychelles, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, Bahrain, Lebanon, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Albania, Montenegro, sub-regional programme document for Barbados and the OECS, Belize, Brazil, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2016/22)

Africa

Country programme document for Côte d'Ivoire (DP/DCP/CIV/2)

Country programme document for Eritrea (DP/DCP/ERI/3)

Country programme document for Gambia (DP/DCP/GMB/3)

Country programme document for Mozambique (DP/DCP/MOZ/3)

Country programme document for São Tomé and Príncipe (DP/DCP/STP/3)

Country programme document for Seychelles (DP/DCP/SYC/3)

Asia and the Pacific

Country programme document for Bangladesh (DP/DCP/BGD/3)

Country programme document for the Islamic Republic of Iran (DP/DCP/IRN/3)

Country programme document for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (DP/DCP/LAO/3)

Country programme document for Mongolia (DP/DCP/MNG/3)

Country programme document for Thailand (DP/DCP/THA/3)

Country programme document for Vietnam (DP/DCP/VNM/2)

Arab States

Country programme document for Bahrain (DP/DCP/BHR/3)

Country programme document for Lebanon (DP/DCP/LBN/2)

Country programme document for Morocco (DP/DCP/MAR/3)

Country programme document for Saudi Arabia (DP/DCP/SAU/3)

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Country programme document for Albania (DP/DCP/ALB/2)

Country programme document for Montenegro (DP/DCP/MNE/2)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Sub-regional programme document for Barbados and the OECS (DP/DSP/CAR/3)

Country programme document for Belize (DP/DCP/BLZ/3)

Country programme document for Brazil (DP/DCP/BRA/3)

Country programme document for Guyana (DP/DCP/GUY/3)

Country programme document for Honduras (DP/DCP/HND/3)

Country programme document for Jamaica (DP/DCP/JAM/3)

Country programme document for Peru (DP/DCP/PER/3)

Country programme document for Suriname (DP/DCP/SUR/3)

Country programme document for Trinidad and Tobago (DP/DCP/TTO/3)

Item 4
Evaluation

As custodian of the evaluation policy, the Executive Board periodically requests the Independent Evaluation Office to commission independent reviews of the policy to further inform its revision and strengthen effectiveness of the evaluation function. First endorsed in 2006, the Board approved a revised evaluation policy in 2011 (decision 2011/3), building from a review of the policy carried out in 2010 (decision 2010/16). A second policy review was commissioned in 2014 and considered by the Board during its first regular session 2015 (document DP/2015/5), leading to a revised evaluation policy being tabled at the annual session 2015 (document DP/2015/15). With no Board decision made on this item in 2015, the policy was further revised to incorporate recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit Analysis of the evaluation function in the United Nations system and the new version was discussed with the Executive Board on 30 May 2016. Latest amendments provide further clarification of roles and responsibilities for the evaluation function at UNDP. The Board may wish to adopt a decision on this item.

An evaluation of UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and governance integrity in a development context was undertaken by the Independent Evaluation Office as part of its medium-term plan approved by the Executive Board at the first regular session 2014 (decision 2014/4). In approving the evaluation, the Board recognized the importance of support to anti-corruption and transparency, accountability and integrity measures for equitable governance. The evaluation includes an assessment of UNDP contribution during the period from 2008 to 2015, covering the period of the last Strategic Plan 2008-2011, extended to 2013, and the current Strategic Plan 2014-2017. Given the thrust to anti-corruption and governance in the Sustainable Development Goals, the evaluation will contribute to UNDP anti-corruption and governance integrity programme strategy. The evaluation is accompanied by the

management response. The Board may wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation and may urge UNDP to factor the evaluation recommendations into future programming.

In its decision 2013/2, the Executive Board requested UNDP to implement the recommendations of the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction report when planning its programmes and projects. The Board will have before it a report on the steps taken in this regard from the adoption of the Strategic Plan,

2014-2017, and in line with the commitments that UNDP formulated in the management response to the evaluation.

Documentation:

UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2016/23)

Evaluation of UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and governance integrity in a development context (DP/2016/24)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and governance integrity in a development context (DP/2016/25)

Report on the implementation of recommendations of the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction (DP/2016/26)

UNFPA segment

Item 5
Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will be asked to (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Albania, Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Islamic Republic of the Gambia, Honduras, Iran, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Peru, Sao Tome and Principe, Thailand, Viet Nam, and the subregional programme for the English-speaking and Dutch-speaking Caribbean; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Gabon, Malawi, Mauritania, Senegal and Sudan; and (c) approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso and Burundi.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2016/11)

Country programme document for Albania (DP/FPA/CPD/ALB/4)

Country programme document for Algeria (DP/FPA/CPD/DZA/6)

Country programme document for Bangladesh (DP/FPA/CPD/BGD/9)

Country programme document for Brazil (DP/FPA/CPD/BRA/6)

Country programme document for Chad (DP/FPA/CPD/TCD/7)

Country programme document for Côte d'Ivoire (DP/FPA/CPD/CIV/7)

Country programme document for Eritrea (DP/FPA/CPD/ERI/5)

Country programme document for the Islamic Republic of the Gambia (DP/FPA/CPD/GMB/8)

Country programme document for Honduras (DP/FPA/CPD/HND/8)

Country programme document for Iran (DP/FPA/CPD/IRN/6)

Country programme document for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/FPA/CPD/PRK/6)

Country programme document for Lao People's Democratic Republic (DP/FPA/CPD/LAO/6)

Country programme document for Lebanon (DP/FPA/CPD/LBN/4)

Country programme document for Mongolia (DP/FPA/CPD/MNG/6)

Country programme document for Morocco (DP/FPA/CPD/MAR/9)

Country programme document for Mozambique (DP/FPA/CPD/MOZ/9)

Country programme document for Peru (DP/FPA/CPD/PER/9)

Country programme document for Sao Tome and Principe (DP/FPA/CPD/STP/7)

Country programme document for Thailand (DP/FPA/CPD/THA/11)

Country programme document for Viet Nam (DP/FPA/CPD/VNM/9)

Subregional programme document for the English-speaking and Dutch-speaking Caribbean (DP/FPA/CPD/CAR/6)

Item 6
UNFPA funding issues

The Executive Board hold a structured funding dialogue within the context of the sustainable development goals and the evolving financing landscape. UNFPA will report on its efforts to continue to explore incentives, mechanisms and funding windows to broaden its donor base, improve communications with donors, and continue dialogue on options that will enhance the quality of contributions to finance development results.

In accordance with decisions 99/5 and 2000/9, requesting the Executive Director to provide annually updated estimates of regular and co-financing resources, the report presents the funding commitments of Member States and others to UNFPA and projections for 2016 and future years.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on funding commitments to UNFPA.

Documentation:

Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2016 and future years (DP/FPA/2016/10)

Item 7
Evaluation

The Executive Board will have before it a report on thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to family planning (2008-2013), as well as the response of management to the report.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the thematic evaluation and comment on the progress made in UNFPA support to family planning.

Documentation:

Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to family planning (2008-2013); Management response to the thematic evaluation (DP/FPA/2016/CRP.4)

UNOPS segment

Item 8
United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board endorsed the UNOPS strategic plan, 2014-2017, in its decision 2013/23. As part of its annual workplan the Board requested the UNOPS Executive Director to present a midterm review of the UNOPS strategic plan, 2014-2017, at the second regular session 2016. The midterm review was conducted to assess the UNOPS fit and purpose in a changing global landscape and as an organizational self-evaluation. It was framed by the UNOPS General Assembly mandate and relevant Executive Board decisions; the UNOPS strategic framework; and the international agreements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It considered UNOPS contributions in the context of developments in the external environment; the operational and management results achieved over the biennium; partner needs and views; and UNOPS experiences. The review establishes a number of priorities which will focus execution of the UNOPS strategy for the next 15 months and position the organization for the strategic plan, 2018-2021. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

The report on United Nations system procurement data is presented by the Executive Director of UNOPS to the Executive Board pursuant to its decision 2007/38. The 2015 Annual Statistical Report on United Nations Procurement is the 32nd edition of this publication, which was first published in 1984, and provides an overview of the procurement of the United Nations system in support of its operations, projects and programmes. The report provides a range of information about the categories of goods and services procured by the United Nations system, as well as the countries from which these goods and services were procured. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present report and welcome the data and analysis it contains.

Documentation:

Midterm review of the UNOPS strategic plan, 2014-2017 (DP/OPS/2016/5)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2015 (DP/OPS/2016/6)

Joint segment

Item 9
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The present report on joint procurement activities provides data and information on joint procurement initiatives and activities systematically conducted by the three agencies in pursuit of benefits and opportunities that resulted in stronger procurement practices, more efficient processes and lower costs for all participating organizations. The report presents key findings and outcomes from the joint procurement work conducted in 2015 and highlights initiatives under way in 2016. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present report and comment on the joint procurement activities delivered in 2015, as well as activities in progress in 2016.

Documentation:

Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities (DP-FPA-OPS/2016/1)

Item 10
Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

The joint UNDP and UNFPA report addresses the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), and focuses on the 36th and 37th meetings of the Programme Coordinating Board, held in July and December 2015, respectively. The report highlights UNDP and UNFPA contributions to the HIV/AIDS response. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2016/27 – DP/FPA/2016/11)

Item 11
Field visits

The Executive Board will have before it a report on the Executive Board field visit to Guinea, which took place from 10 to 15 April 2016, and also a report on the joint field visit to Kyrgyzstan by the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, which took place from 2 to 7 May 2016. The Board may wish to take note of the reports.

Documentation:

Report of the Executive Board field visit to Guinea (DP-FPA-OPS/2016/CRP.1)

Report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Kyrgyzstan (DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2016/CRP.1)

Item 12
Other matters

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2016
(6 - 9 September 2016, New York)

Day/date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Tuesday, 6 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the annual session 2016 **UNFPA segment** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		6	UNFPA FUNDING ISSUES • Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2016 and future years
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		*Executive Board briefing on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*
	3 – 4:30 p.m.		**UNFPA segment (cont'd)**
		6	UNFPA FUNDING ISSUES (cont'd)
	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.		**UNFPA segment (cont'd)**
		7	EVALUATION • Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to family planning (2008-2013)
	5:30 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 7 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA segment (cont'd)**
		5	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
	3 – 5 p.m.		**UNOPS segment** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		8	• Midterm review of the UNOPS strategic plan • Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2015

	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 8 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP segment** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	UNDP FUNDING ISSUES • **Annual review of the financial situation, 2015** • **Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation, 2015** • **Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2016 and onwards**
	3 –5:45 p.m.	3	**UNDP segment (cont'd)** **UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS** • **Presentation and approval of country programme documents** • **Extensions of country programmes**
	5:45 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 9 September	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	4	**UNDP segment (cont'd)** EVALUATION • UNDP evaluation policy • Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and public integrity strategies and management response • Report on the implementation of recommendations of the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction
	12 -1 p.m.	9	**Joint segment** FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities
	3 - 6 p.m.	11	FIELD VISITS • Report on the Executive Board field visit to Guinea • Report on the joint field visit to Kyrgyzstan
		10	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING • Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
		12	OTHER MATTERS • Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/ UN-Women Staff Council • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2017 Tentative workplan for the first regular session 2017